

Forensic Hypnosis - Haleigh Cummings Case

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. -- The forensic hypnotist who examined now-stepmother of missing Haleigh Cummings said he believes she was fighting the process. WESH 2 spoke exclusively with former New York Police expert and retired Central Florida lawman John Gaspar, who conducted that exam.

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Misty Croslin Cummings is the 17-year-old who married missing 4-year-old Haleigh's father, Ronald Cummings. Gaspar said she told him she wanted him to find the truth through hypnosis, but that she fought the process. "It seemed a little more rehearsed than I've ever seen in my experience as a forensic hypnotist," Gaspar said.

Gaspar spent just over an hour with Croslin Cummings, who asked to be hypnotized to clear her name.



During the examination, Croslin Cummings repeated the events that led to the disappearance of Haleigh in the middle of the night

while Misty was caring for her. Investigators later told Gaspar there were a few facts that differed from previous versions. Throughout it all, Gaspar felt Croslin Cummings likely knew more than she was saying. "She claimed she was there for a voluntary interview and yet she exhibited a lot of signs verbally and nonverbally that it wasn't voluntary," he said.

Gaspar said it's almost as if she wanted to appear to cooperate, while consciously or subconsciously thwarting him. Gaspar also said Croslin Cummings was being truthful when she spoke endearingly about Haleigh. Whatever happened, he believes she is truly sorry the child is gone.

On Thursday, investigators said Croslin Cummings failed a series of lie detector tests.

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Croslin Cummings said she wanted to clear her name in Haleigh's disappearance, but experts who gave her a series of three tests said deceptive answers did even more damage. "I didn't have nothing to do with her," she said. "I love that little girl more than anything. I would never hurt her. If I knew who hurt her, I'd tell." Experts said she appeared to be lying about how Haleigh vanished on a voice analysis stress test and during the lie detector tests, she pointed fingers even at her own family. "I keep hearing a lot about my brother," she said. "I have no idea if he'd done something to her. I don't know if he took her."

The analyst giving the test called her out on her inconsistent stories. "I can see it," the analyst said. "There's things going on that you know that you're not telling anybody." Tim Miller from Texas EquuSearch said Croslin Cummings reached out to him for help to find Haleigh and clear her name. So, he paid for the experts to conduct the tests, which Miller said she failed miserably, answering most honestly when asked if she knew who took Haleigh. "There were two or more people involved," Miller said. "So when Haleigh was taken out of the house, she doesn't

know who it was taking her to the final destination." Croslin Cummings said she expects tough times ahead. "I've lived in cars, had drug addicts as parents," she said. "My life has been bad my whole life, and it's just not going to get better it looks like." When broken down into percentages, some of her answers indicated 99 percent deception, including the question, "Do you know what happened to Haleigh?" Putnam County sheriff's investigators said she has been hiding something all along. They've subpoenaed the tapes.

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